



The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 9/8 Back to School Night
Collaboration Day – 12:30pm dismissal/Art for the 6th-8th grades
- 9/15 Collaboration Day – 12:30pm dismissal/Art
- 9/21 S'mores and Stars School House Sleep-Over
- 9/22 Yosemite Facelift
Collaboration Day – 12:30pm dismissal/Art
- 9/27 Lifetouch Picture Day
- 9/28 PTG meeting 5:30pm
- 9/29 Collaboration Day – 12:30pm dismissal/Art
- 10/4-7 Minimum Days, Conferences
- 10/18-22 Fall Break
- 11/6 Fall Frolic

THANK YOU'S

- ✦ Mrs. Gabriel for being the Box Tops Coordinator for LAST year.
- ✦ Deb Evans for the extra classroom supplies.
- ✦ Mrs. Soria for the purchase and installation of the new pencil sharpeners.
- ✦ Parents who attended the PTG meeting, we appreciate your commitment.
- ✦ Parent Group who approved purchases for the native plant garden and PE equipment.
- ✦ Ms. Mackin for stepping up in Mrs. Stewart's absence.
- ✦ Room 5 parents for all the tissues – we are in good shape.

WELCOME BACK MRS. SMITH – SEE YOU SOON MRS. STEWART

We are soooo happy to welcome back Mrs. Smith to our school family. With her comes the return of our art program as well as some added help to our classrooms. Glad to see you back! This week also marks the departure of Mrs. Stewart who returns to her new son to complete some bonding time. We will look forward to her return some time in December. In her absence Ms. Mackin will be taking over the entire school day.

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION Apparently the best kept secret in town is that we are part of the General Mills Box Tops 4 Education program, we apologize. It is true, we do collect those box tops and are looking for someone who would be interested in being the "Box Top Coordinator" for this year. It is a very prestigious appointment and all your friends will be extremely jealous! The way the program works is that twice a year we send in our box tops and they send us a check. The tops do need to be trimmed, sorted and put into 50 count bundles and that is basically it. If you are interested

please contact the office... and if not you can still collect and send in those boxtops, it does add up.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT TOMORROW – PARENTS ONLY

Parents, you are cordially invited to come to Back To School Night. This is the evening where you can find out important information about your child's class, meet your child's teacher and get questions answered about school schedules and programs. We hope to see you there! K-2nd grades will be from 5:30-6:00 pm. 3rd-5th grades from 6:00-6:30 pm and 6th-8th grades from 6:30-7:00 pm.

MUSIC ON FRIDAYS Beginning this Friday students will participate in a music program taught by Brent Bain. Brent has just finished his degree in music and has lots of great ideas for an instrumental and vocal music program for our children. He will meet with each class separately and hopes to help YVS procure some instruments to use in his classes. We are very excited to be able to offer our students a music program in the absence of Andrea Canapary.

ART BEGINS TOMORROW This week begins the art program for our students so the 6th-8th grade students will be expected to stay at school until 2 pm and therefore need to bring a lunch, the K-5th grade students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm and will be receiving their art instruction during the school day.

ART – ALL STUDENTS NEED A SHIRT We will be printing on an article of clothing in art next week. Please send a shirt (old or new) with your child's name at the neck. White, light colors and plain shirts will work best. Send them by 9/14/10 (Tuesday). Thanks!

PTG NEWS The PTG met for a longer meeting than usual to revise the budget and plan for this school year. Renee Karst is unsure when she will be able to return to teach Spanish so our Spanish program is on hold for the time being. Brent Bain has stepped forward to replace Andrea Canapary to teach music to our children and he will begin his classes this week. Because this was a budget-discussion-meeting we really looked at all the programs and fundraisers that the PTG is involved in throughout the year – no stone was left unturned... We really appreciate the time parents and staff put into completing this important task. The next BIG thing we have coming is our most lucrative fundraiser of the year, the Fall Frolic! The date is set for November 6th... we hope to have more parent participation this year, again this is the biggest fundraiser and unfortunately last year we could count the amount of participants on our fingers, not so good for a school that has 27 families to serve. Please put this date on your calendar and keep in touch via the Badger, or better yet by attending PTG to find out what you can do to help. Thank you

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM Once again YVS will be offering lunches through the District program. Please note the price change, and *Keep in mind you are ordering for Tuesday through the following Monday.*

Breakfast: Milk, fruit, yoghurt, cereal

Lunch: All lunches include fruit and vegetables, milk and will include one of the following: Deli sandwich & chips, grilled chicken wrap, or taco salad.

Breakfast costs \$1.50

Lunch costs \$2.50

If you would like to order meals for your child(ren) please send a note detailing which meals for which days as well as payment to Ceci by 9 am Friday of the week before, thank you.

GREAT GUMBALL CHALLENGE! Our first week was a success with many gumballs on the K-2 wall as well as students beginning to mark their progress with AR testing happening in both older classrooms.

VOLUNTEER FINGERPRINTING As parents you – no doubt – applaud the lengths we go to protect your child, as someone who would like to volunteer in classroom or on fieldtrips you will probably find this a bit distressing.

Fact of the matter is, if you are planning to spend much time in classroom or attending any field trips you will need to be fingerprinted in Mariposa. The only exception is if you have been fingerprinted by MCUSD for another school site.

Please contact the office so we can walk you through the process which begins with you bringing in a copy of a “cleared” TB test. This can be done at the clinic or there is a free clinic in Mariposa...these expire every 3 years. Bring the TB clearance and \$16 cash (exact change) to the office.

PAPER TOWEL ROLLS Once again there is a holiday art/recycling project in the works spearheaded by DNC. This year we need students to bring cardboard paper towel rolls to help with this project. If you are able to donate, please have your child drop them off in the office. Thank you

TOYS IN SCHOOL Just a reminder: we are asking for your help in having toys remain at home or at daycare. We have a wonderful playground structure and different kinds of balls for the students to enjoy during recess-not to mention, good old imaginative play. Toys from home can interfere with valuable instructional time when they are lost or not put away at the correct time. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

21ST ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FAIR The 21st annual ICES Children's Fair will be held on Saturday, September 25th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Mariposa County Park. The event is sponsored by Infant/Child Enrichment Services, who, along with other agencies, childcare centers, and licensed daycare providers, will be providing fun, free activities.

Highlights of this year's event will include various arts and crafts activities for children, face painting, a bike rodeo, and child fingerprinting. Parks and Rec will have their Rec Van and obstacle course set up, and music will be provided by “The Sound Man”. Snack foods will be available for a small price.

The Children's Fair is a family event for children ages 1 through 12. We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult. Please plan on joining us for a fun-filled day in the park!